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Russian Rocket Projectors for Rumania

1. The Centrul de Armament of Bucharest received 24 M-13 rocket projectors on 24 June 1954.
2. These weapons remained for two days in the Bucharest-Grivita railroad station, when eight were loaded and four of them sent to Timisoara. The destination of the others is uncertain.

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The 17th Infantry Division, Rumania

1. The 17th Infantry Division, under organization since March 1954, was completed in mid-June.
2. The command post is in Calafat, Vadul oituz 4.
3. The commander is Maj.-Gen. Florea Savciuc, about 36 years old, a graduate of the Frunze Academy.
4. The division consists of the 63rd, 69th and 70th infantry regiments, each of three battalions divided into three companies each; the 58th and 65th artillery regiments, each of six batteries, motorized and armed with 150 mm howitzers, Skoda type.

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Swiss Weapons for Rumania

1. Three times within the last year the Rumanian army has received from Switzerland by way of Marseille shipments of 20 mm guns, type OR- 6/II a/5.
2. The first shipment arrived in May 1954 on the freighter Patria and consisted of 36 units. The second shipment of 48 came by the freighter Libertatea at the end of June 1954. The third shipment of 24 came on 25 September 1954 on the freighter Independenta.

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Rocket Projectors in the Rumanian Army

1. Down to 1 October 1954 the following regiments were equipped with type M-13 rocket projectors: 7th Artillery, 18th Artillery, 23rd Artillery, 6th Bombardment, 17th Bombardment and 22nd Heavy Artillery.

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Stations of Hungarian Troop Units

<u>Station</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>APQ No.</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Szeged, Petöfi laktanya	Rifle regiment	3727	Commander: Major Laszlo Kmossek. Regimental troops motorized; Has an S/P gun company.
Budapest, Budaorsi ut.	43rd Signal Regiment		3 battalions and a radio ranging company.
Székesfehérvár, barracks at the corner of Malom u. and Sár u.	Rifle battalion		Motorized.
Kecskemét	21st Field Artillery		Brought here in fall of 1953 from Kaposvar and Tolna.
Székesfehérvár, barracks, corner of Vöröshadsereg u. and Lövölde u.	AAA section	9527	Commander: Capt. Szalár; 85 mm and 37 mm guns.
Czegléd	30th Field Artillery Brigade		Commander: Col. Nyutrai

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Improvement of the Hungarian Railroad Net

1. The station Ohát-Pusztakocs on the Debreczen-Tiszafüred line has been widened to three tracks. The spur line Tapolcza-Zalahaláp has been prolonged to Nyírád.

2. The new line between Tisza-Polgár and Meszönyék-Ládháza was opened to traffic in May 1954. This line passes through the villages of Tiszapalkonya, Sajosziged, Nagy-Csécs and Hejőkeresztur. The bridge over the Tisza is more than 200 m long.

3. The station at Csongrád has received three additional sidings and a warehouse has been built on the banks of the Tisza for the transfer of goods between railroad and river.

4. Work on the railroad bridge across the Danube west of Komárom has been postponed, since the Czechs are backward with their part of the work.

5. The viaducts at Bolondut and Apát-Varasd on the Stalivaros-Paks-Tolna-Bonyhad-Pécsvárad-Pécs highway have been opened to traffic. They are of reinforced concrete construction.

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Armored Regiment at Czegléd, Hungary

1. APO No. 6827. The regiment is quartered in the barracks built in 1951-2, 2 km south of the town, on the road to Törtel.

2. The regiment consists of a staff and staff company; a quartermaster group; a shop company; two battalions of two companies each; an assault company. The regiment was organized in 1952 and enlarged in the fall of 1953, with further expansion still in prospect, including the enlargement of the assault company to a battalion. Staff and regimental troops are about 200 men, the battalions 220 men each, the assault company 120 men.

3. Each company has 10 T-34/85 tanks, in addition to one older type T-34 for each battalion and the staff. The motor park consists of 3 Skoda passenger cars, 7 Russian jeeps, 10 Csepel motorcycles, 18-20 trucks, 13 troop carriers, 5 tank trucks, 3 shop trucks, 2 radio cars.

4. The regimental commander is Major Hajdoczi, about 45 years old. Commander of the 1st Battalion is Capt. Gábor Tamás, about 40 years old. Political officer is Béla Acs, a Jew and a great chatterer, but not a bad fellow.

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Rifle Regiment at Kiskörös, Hungary

1. The regiment is in the barracks built in 1950 on the road to Soltvadkert.

2. It consists of a staff and staff company; reconnaissance company; A/T company with 76.2 mm guns; accompanying gun company with 76.2 mm guns; mortar company with 120 mm mortars; AA machine gun company; technical company; signal company, all regimental troops being motorized. There are two non-motorized battalions of three rifle companies each, also equipped with 50 mm mortars, each battalion having a machine gun company; a mortar company with 82 mm mortars; an A/T platoon with 56 mm guns, and a signal platoon. It is uncertain whether there is a third battalion, and if so, where it is.

3. Commander of the 1st Battalion is Capt. Szojkö, about 40 years old, and liked by his men.

4. The motor park consists of 15 passenger cars, 40 special trucks, 20 motorcycles, 30 weapons carriers, 3 shop cars, 4 radio cars.

5. In the summer of 1954 about 400 reservists of the class of 1927 were added to the regiment for refresher training. The service is hard, but discipline is good. Food is plentiful, though somewhat monotonous.

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Hungarian and Russian Troops at Czegléd

1. Attached sketch I shows the position of the barracks in Czegléd, sketch II the exercise area and target range at Czegléd - Berczel.

2. A Russian armored unit is quartered in the old armored barracks on the road to Törtel. The troops have about 50 tanks, mostly T-34/85s, although there are some J. Stalin type.

3. Another Russian armored unit is in the former cavalry barracks on the road to Szolnok. The unit is equipped with T-34/76, T-34/85 and J. Stalin tanks. There is a large car park.

4. The Russian garrison holds exercises in the Czegléd-Berczel area, often working with Hungarian troops from the garrisons of Szolnok, Jászverény, Kecskemét and Nagykörös. Their shoulder-boards are black, with red decorations. In December 1953 they received reinforcements, but of fully trained troops, since there was no recruit instruction.

5. There is a Hungarian signal battalion, distributed partly in the town, partly in Object No. 5. The motor park and drivers are in the new armored barracks.